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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) less than 10 wt% water
- (ii) fatty acid,
- (iii) a structuring agent selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of glycerine monostearate, ~~and~~ glycol monostearate ~~or~~ and a combination thereof, and
- (iv) at least ~~from 2 to 15~~ wt % fatty acid neutralized by an inorganic base
wherein the cosmetic composition is suitable for forming a skin cream or lotion on hydration.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from ~~2 to 15~~ 2.5 to 8 wt%.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the structuring agent is glycerine monostearate.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 90 wt% based on the total amount of fatty acid and structuring agent.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon chain length of the fatty acid is from 14 to 20, preferably from 16 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of structuring agent is from 15 to 75 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 80 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, which further comprises an ingredient selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of emulsifying agent, other structuring agent than glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate, emollient oils and waxes, humectants, functional ingredients, preservatives, antioxidants, chelating agents, perfume, colouring agent or~~and~~ a combination thereof.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Method for the preparation of a composition according to claim 1, wherein an inorganic base, a fatty acid and a structuring agent selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate or~~and~~ a combination thereof are mixed, heated to a temperature from 80 to 120 °C, cooled to a temperature below 40 °C and formed into a powder, tablet or amorphous mass.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A process of hydrating a composition according to claim 1 to form a skin cream, shampoo or lotion, wherein the composition is mixed with an aqueous base at a temperature of below 80 °C.

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Claim 11 (Original): A process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature of the aqueous base is from 0 to 35 °C.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein the composition and aqueous base are mixed together in a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.